

APPROVED
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**January 12, 2026
Town of Taghkanic
Town Board Meeting**

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Town Board Members audited and signed vouchers January 10, 11 and 12th.

7 pm: Organizational

Supervisor Ryan Skoda: I would like to take a moment to thank Doug Craig for his two years on the Town Board we are deeply grateful for all you've given.

I would also like to welcome Hannah Calhoun to the Board.

Oath of Office: Justice Robert Prochera swore in the following:

Ryan Skoda – Supervisor
Cheryl Rogers – Town Clerk/Collector
Nicholas Zapp – Justice
Elisabeth Albert – Board Member
Hannah Calhoun – Board Member
Linda Mirabelli – Board Member

7:08 pm: The Taghkanic Town Board held its Regular meeting on the above date with a combination of Supervisor Ryan Skoda, Board Members, Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, 4 residents at the Taghkanic Town Hall and 2 residents attending via Zoom.

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| Present: | Ryan Skoda | Supervisor |
| | Elisabeth Albert | Board Member |
| | Perry Ascher | Board Member |
| | Hannah Calhoun | Board Member |
| | Linda Mirabelli | Board Member |
| | Cheryl Rogers | Clerk |
| | Eric Gaylord | Highway Superintendent |

Guest Speaker: NONE

Supervisor Ryan Skoda then asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

December 8, 2025: Town Board Regular meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

December 15, 2025: Town Board Zoning Review meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

December 30, 2025: Town Board Year-End meeting minutes were accepted as written on a motion by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher**.

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

The Correspondence:

- a. Roeliff Jansen Historical Society – 2025 year
- b. Board of Fire Commissioners Craryville Fire District, election results
- c. Vincent Santarelli, training
- d. KISS 2026 schedule
- e. Doug Craig, Zoning Homework
- f. Hillsdale and Granicus
 - ✚ Board Member Elisabeth Albert; does Hillsdale pay Granicus?
 - ✚ Supervisor Ryan Skoda: yes, anything above what is provide by the County Contract the town has to pay.
- g. NYAOT, training and membership
- h. Robert Fitzsimmons, VLT

Reports from the Boards:

Animal Control: *Kyle Miller*, no report submitted.

ZBA: *James Romaine*, Chair, no meeting no report submitted.

Planning Board: *Katherine Bainer*, Chair report submitted.



Assessor: *Brittany Santarelli*: report submitted.



ZEO/CEO/Building Inspector: *Dennis Callahan* report submitted.



Historian: *Nancy Griffith*, no report submitted.

Traffic Safety Board: *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*, no report submitted next meeting is January 22, 2026

Environmental Management Council: *Robert Brush* no report submitted:

Office for the Aging: *Celine Kagan and Susan Silverman*, report submitted:



Clerk/Collector: *Cheryl Rogers*, reports were submitted to the Board.



Supervisor: *Ryan Skoda*, report submitted.



Highway: *Eric Gaylord*, report submitted.



Superintendent Gaylord: I am asking the Board permission to start the process of purchasing a loader. I presented the board with 4 quotes last month and feel the best bang for the money is the quote from Abele:

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| <i>SANY SW305K Base Machine (includes JRB coupler and 3CY bucket)</i> | <i>Sale price:</i> | <i>\$165,637.85</i> |
| <i>Broom (Werk Brau 10FT angle broom)</i> | <i>Sale Price:</i> | <i>22,819.34</i> |
| <i>Forks (SANY 601N tines x 72in frame HD construction forks)</i> | <i>Sale Price</i> | <i>11,665.70</i> |
| | <i>total</i> | <i>200,122.89</i> |
| <i>Trade in of 2009 Doosan DK250 Wheeled Loader (HRs:7850)</i> | <i>\$</i> | <i><u>-30,000.00</u></i> |
| | | <i>\$170,122.89</i> |

Supervisor Ryan Skoda: I recommend we do a bond.

Board Member Elisabeth Albert motioned to move forward with the purchase of a **SANY SW305K Base Machine Loader, w/broom and forks and to start the process of applying for a Municipal Bond**, seconded by **Board Member Linda Mirabelli**

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

Clerk Rogers will contact Christine Chale, Bond Attorney tomorrow.

Advisory Board reports:





Financial Advisory Committee Report: Board Member Linda Mirabelli 
Conservation Advisory Committee/Climate Smart Community: Co-Chair Charlene

and Peter Paden: 

Digital Communication Advisory Committee: Nadja Palenzuel no meeting held.

Columbia County Climate Smart Community Task Force: Board Member Elisabeth Albert

Old Business:

1. **New Town Hall:** **Supervisor Ryan Skoda** I have received no response from (Mr. Powell) the property on Route 82. I am meeting with Mr. Alvarez to discuss the two parcel he has for sale.
2. **Sample Shipping Container LL:** tabled
3. **Zoning Review dates:**
 -  **January 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm**
 -  **February 24, 2026 at 5:30 pm**
 -  **March 4, 2026 at 5:30 pm**
 -  **March 16, 2026 at 5:30 pm**
4. **Court Attorney:** **Supervisor Ryan Skoda: Robert Fitzsimmons** has the ball in motion for a VTL for the Town of Taghkanic, **Lynelle Toye** is ready to start. Rob is working out all the paperwork before Lynelle can start. Greenport and Clarverack have VTL's and are very happy. **Board Member Linda Mirabelli** motioned to move forward to have a VTL for the Taghkanic Court, seconded by **Board Member Perry Ascher.**

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

New Business:

- A. **March 2026 Calendar:** **Board Member Perry Ascher** motioned to accept the March 2026 calendar with suggested changes, seconded by **Board Member Elisabeth Albert.**

Approved **5 Aye** **(Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)**
0 Nays
0 Absent

B. Budget Amendment 8 - 2025:

| Town of Taghkanic | | | | |
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| | 12-Jan-26 | Budget Amendment # 8-2025 | | |
| | | | Increase | Decrease |
| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
| COURT PER. | | A1110.1 | 0.20 | |
| SUPERVISOR PER. | | A1220.1 | 0.04 | |
| PAYROLL | | A1340.42 | 190.58 | |
| LITIGATION | | A1355.41 | 487.50 | |
| REVAL | | A1355.42 | 65.88 | |
| BUILD CONT. | | A1620.4 | 1,195.78 | |
| GARAGE CONT. | | A5132.4 | 2,600.00 | |
| ZONING CHAIR | | A8010.1 | 500.00 | |
| PLANNING BOARD CHAIR | | A8020.1 | 600.00 | |
| PLANNING BOARD CONT. | | A8020.4 | 937.50 | |
| HOSPITAL & MED INS | | A9060.8 | | 6,577.48 |
| | | | 6,577.48 | 6,577.48 |

Board Member Linda Mirabelli motioned to approve Budget Amendment # 8-2025 as presented seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

C. Budget Amendment 1 – 2026:

| Town of Taghkanic | | | | |
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| | 12-Jan-26 | Budget Amendment # 1-2026 | | |
| | | | Increase | Decrease |
| GENERAL FUND | | | | |
| INSURANCE | | A1910.4 | 1,798.83 | |
| Unappropriated Fund Balance | | | | 1,798.83 |
| | | | 1,798.83 | 1,798.83 |

Board Member Perry Ascher motioned to approve Budget Amendment #1-2026 as presented seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

D. Set a date to Audit of the 2024 CFO, Tax Collector, Clerk and 2 Justice books:

✚ January 23, 2026 9:30 am

E. 2026 Emergency Preparedness Plan: Clerk Rogers all information has been updated for approval. *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve the 2026 EMP Plan as presented, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

F. 2026 Resolutions:

1. **Resolution #1 Rules of Order:** *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve Resolution #1 Rules of Order, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

2. **Resolution #2 Procurement Policy:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to approve Resolution #2 Procurement Policy, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

3. **Resolution #3: Town of Taghkanic Work Place Violence Policy:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to approve Resolution #3 Work Place Violence Policy, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

4. **Resolution #4 Code of Ethics:** *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve Resolution #4 Code of Ethics, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

5. **Resolution #5 Investment Policy:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to approve Resolution #5 Investment Policy, seconded by *Board Member Linda Mirabelli*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

6. **Resolution #6 Cash Disbursement Procedures:** *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve Resolution #6 Cash Disbursement Procedures, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

7. **Resolution #7 Electronic Banking Policy:** *Board Member Perry Ascher* motioned to approve Resolution #7 Electronic Banking Policy, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
0 Nays
0 Absent

8. **Resolution #8 Medicare Supplement:** *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve Resolution #8 Medicare Supplement, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

9. **Resolution #9 Standard Workday:** *Board Member Linda Mirabelli* motioned to approve Resolution #9 Standard Workdays, seconded by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*.

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

The bills were audited and approved for payment as follows:

✚ **January 12, 2026 Abstract 2025 Payables:** on a motion by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

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| 2025 General Fund Vouchers | # | 443 | - | 450 | \$ | 2,246.42 |
| 2025 Highway Fund Vouchers | # | 128 | - | 133 | \$ | 24,007.93 |

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

✚ **January 12, 2026 Abstract:** on a motion by *Board Member Elisabeth Albert*, was approved for payment, seconded by *Board Member Perry Ascher*.

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| 2026 General Fund Vouchers | # | 1 | - | 25 | \$ | 66,924.73 |
| 2026 Highway Fund Vouchers | # | 1 | - | 2 | \$ | 18,273.42 |

Approved 5 Aye (Ryan, Elisabeth, Perry, Hannah, Linda)
 0 Nays
 0 Absent

The following people commented during the fifteen minute public comment:

✚ **Nancy Cerniglia: Highway Department issue:** there was an accident at the end of Hoyle Road the other day. Route 27 is a very pace road would it be possible to look into a speed lime reduction, or maybe some kind reflective devices at the end of Hoyle Road. One more thing there is a gully at the end Hoyle Road that needs attention.

✚ **Superintendent Eric Gaylord:** I will look into all of your suggestion thank you.

✚ **Ray Colgrove: FYI for Superintendent Eric Gaylord** on Livingston Road where the new culvert has been installed there is patching that needs to be done.

✚ **Superintendent Eric Gaylord:** patching on Livingston is on the list of things to do.

✚ **Clerk Rogers:** Tara will be back at cleaning she has been cleared to go back to regular activities.

✚ **Ray Colgrove:** question for Ryan, any news on the water heater?

✚ **Supervisor Ryan Skoda:** I reached out to the company who installed the furnace and have not heard back from them yet, will reach out them again.

Executive Session: NONE

With no further business, on a motion by ***Board Member Linda Mirabelli***, seconded by ***Board Member Hannah Calhoun*** the meeting was adjourned at **8:15** pm, carried unanimously by all members present. The next Regular meeting will be **February 9, 2026** at the Taghkanic Town Hall.

Audience at Town Hall: Debbie Colgrove Rya Colgrove Abbie Hodgson Nancy Cernglia

Audience via Zoom: Joyce Thompson Doug Craig